

## **Report for 2001DC4582B: Program Administration Project**

There are no reported publications resulting from this project.

Report Follows:

## **Program Management**

The core of program development will continue to be active participation in the DC community concerned with water resources and local environmental issues. WRRI must continue to establish and maintain relationships with the following groups of persons and organizations:

- 1) UDC faculty and academic departments;
- 2) UDC administration;
- 3) Federal science and technology agencies;
- 4) Local environmental organizations;
- 5) DC and other local water and environmental agencies; and
- 6) The local community

Updating our webpage to include reports or abstracts of past project funded by WRRI and our pool of experts in the DC consortium of universities will be the main focus of next fiscal year. The Institute will continue to identify the priority water resource and watershed environmental issues, locate additional non-federal match, and solicit credible investigators and project teams for a vibrant program.

## **Program Goals**

**Goal one:** Formation of Peer Review Committee

Highly qualified and respected researchers in the DC Metropolitan Area will be identified to:

- Evaluate proposed research projects;
- Evaluate research for Seed Grant Program;
- Review completed research projects.

The peer review committee will review proposals to measure researcher(s) expertise; appropriateness of research; benefits to stakeholders, and other required elements prior to submission for administrative approval. They will also review completed research reports to measure strengths, weaknesses, and completeness of objectives. Recommendations for technical and general publications of reports for dissemination to stakeholders will also be determined by the committee.

**Goal two:** Strengthen Relations with other District of Columbia Universities

The DC WRRI continues its efforts to develop and strengthen its ties with its consortium counterparts via research collaboration and Seed Grant projects. The Institute intends to update its database of water resources experts and continue to pursue research ventures with other area universities through networking, web page announcement, and written announcements.

**Goal three:** Improve Outreach to Stakeholders & Advisory Committee Input

Outreach to stakeholders to provide better judgment on issues related to program priorities, sources of non federal matching funds, training, and dissemination of information must be enhanced. The Institute will upgrade its webpage to provide more visibility of activities and programs. Increased partnership with other universities will continue to provide the Institute with a broader capacity to respond to major water resource issues of the District of Columbia.

**Program Priorities**

The restoration of the Anacostia River, strong minority training, public education on water resources issues, and outreach continue to be the priorities of WRRI. The Institute will develop new and maintain old relationships, identify researchers, and continue to extend information and education to the community.